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INTRODUCTORY NOTE:

This discussion of the family of William B. and Rosannah Hawkins McNail is not intended as a complete family history. Work on a McNail family genealogy was initiated some three years ago, and it will be some time before the record is complete. However, I believe that members of our family will be interested in knowing something more about the early McNail family settlers in Illinois from whom they descended; and these notes may stimulate their interest and aid in gathering further information.

For any mistakes found in these notes, please send in corrections, supported by evidence, as soon as possible, so that the final published genealogy can be accurate and complete.

--Stanley D. McNail.

THE SURNAME "McNAIL" AND THE CLAN MACNEIL

Although we do not know by what precise route William B. McNail first settled in Illinois, and his parentage and birthplace await further research, available evidence indicates that the surname "McNail" was originally "Macneil" or a derivation of it. This statement is supported by the following facts:

1. There are over eighty sept names and variations in spelling the Clan name "Macneil" - and "McNail" is a closely similar form.
2. This subject has been explored at length in correspondence with the Chief of Clan Macneil of Scotland, Robert Lister Macneil of Barra, XLV, who wrote me on February 6, 1953: "'McNail' and 'MacNail' are simply one of the several variations of spelling MACNEIL and...you are indeed a Clansman of the Clan Niall or Macneil.
 "Most of the West Highland clans were Gaelic and their Gaelic names were Anglicized more or less phonetically, added to that was the individual independence which continues to this day so, for instance, I know fathers who spell their names 'McNeil' and sons who spell it 'Macneil' and so on. As I set forth in my history, there are many variations of our name, although I believe I omitted yours from the list. At that time, 1923, I had not run across 'McNail' but I have several times since then, and in each case the connection with our Clan was definitely known."
3. George F. Black, Ph.D., in his book The Surnames of Scotland: Their Origin, Meaning and History (New York, The New York Public Library, 1946), page 550, wrote as follows:
 "'MACNEIL...The Norsemen early adopted the name, and it appears among them as Njal. It appears to have sometimes been Englished NEILSON... There are two clans of this name: (1) of Barra, (2) of Cigha. McNaill, 1541, McNeall, 1675, McNeel 1663, Makneill 1427, McNayll 1518; M'Nele, Makneyll, Maknill."
4. The name of William B. McNail, as will be developed, appears variously in early records as "McNeal" and "McNeil."

5. The pension application of Rosannah Hawkins McNail, his widow, a photostatic copy of which is in my possession, dated October 3, 1871, contains the following statement: "That her said husband was enlisted and served over sixty days in the War of 1812, 13 & 14 with Great Britain in Colonel Russell's Regiment of Illinois Rangers and that he was enlisted in the name of McNeil or Neal as she has been informed."

Add to the above considerations the fact that neither William B. McNail nor his wife could read or write - a situation not at all uncommon in those days - and it becomes relatively easy to visualize the transition of the surname "McNail" from the earlier and more commonly known forms of "Macneil" or "McNeil".

The prefix "Mac-" or "Mc-" means "son of" or, in a more general sense, "of the line of" a common ancestor from whom the name is derived. All forms of "Macneil" are derived from the name of the progenitor of the Clan, Niall of the Nine Hostages, who was High King of Ireland from 379 A.D. to 405 A.D. The O'Neills of Ireland and the MacNeils of Scotland trace their descent to him.

"Niall's first task as High-King," writes Robert Lister Macneil of Barra in The Clan Macneil (New York, The Caledonian Publishing Company, 1923), pages 12-13, "was to subdue the hostile provincial Irish Kings in which he appears to have been highly successful. At the request of the Irish Dalriads, he then led an army against the Picts and obliged them to surrender Ceann Tire and Argyll, in Scotland, to his countrymen. At their request he changed the name of Alba (Scotland) to that of Scotia Minor, as distinguished from Ireland, called Scotia Major, in honour of Queen Scota, wife of Milesius. Having appeased the troubles in Alba, he entered Britain and ravaged the whole country in the year 388.

"He then embarked for Armorica Gaul, whence he brought considerable booty and two hundred captives, one of them being St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland, then in his sixteenth year."

Niall of the Nine Hostages reigned until his death in 405 A.D. The Chiefs of Clan Macneil record their numerical succession from him, Robert Lister Macneil of Barra being the 45th Chief.

The Clan Macneil of Scotland stems from the twenty-first Chief of the line, another Niall, who went to the Isle of Barra in the outer Hebrides of Scotland between the years 1030 and 1049.

We cannot treat this subject at length in this discussion, but there were several waves of emigration, due to economic hardships ~~at~~ ^{at} home, which brought Macneil Clansmen to the shores of America from Scotland, some settling in Nova Scotia, and others farther south.

Earlier, a large colony of Macneils from Scotland had settled in 1735 on the Cape Fear River in North Carolina, and in 1746, to escape persecution by the English following the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie's forces at Culloden, there was a further emigration from Scotland in which a colony of Macneil Clansmen settled about Cross Creek (Fayetteville), in Cumberland County, North Carolina.

It is against this background that the following account is offered, for comparative purposes; and henceforth we shall confine ourselves to the facts which have been established by court house records or other sources.

WILLIAM B. McNAIL AND HIS FAMILY

Earliest records available indicate that William B. McNail (born September 30, 1782; died May 20, 1868) first settled in St. Clair County, Illinois, around 1810. His home was in Mascoutah Precinct, which is described as follows in an old county history:¹

"This precinct is situated on the east side of the county, and contains nearly seventy sections, mostly fine agricultural lands, originally about one third timber, but at present not over one fifth of the area is timber. The land lays rolling, and is considered the best of wheat land, and that staple is the principal product. ... The first settlements here were made along the timber edges near Silver Creek, by settlers from Kentucky, North Carolina, and Virginia, as early as 1810. It is said several of the first families came here on horseback, and brought what little furniture and household goods they possessed on pack horses, a few used the wagon of that day..."

"William McNail settled on the west side of Loup Creek, section thirty-five, as early as 1818. He was a ranger here in the war of 1812. He lived here until after 1847, and then moved to Washington county, Illinois. His son, Washington McNail, settled on section eight, south of Mascoutah, about 1832; he left the county the same year his father did."

Marriage records on file in the St. Clair County Court House at Belleville, Illinois, show that on February 25, 1812, William B. McNail was married by the Rev. Amos Abraham to Rosannah Hawkins (whose name is variously spelled Rosana, Rosannah, and Rosanna). However, the family record quoted below gives the date as February 15, 1811.

Pension application file WC-5285, relating to claims based on the service of William B. McNail in the War of 1812, photostatic copies of which are in my possession, contains among other documents a family record. (The originals of these documents are in the General Services Administration, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D. C.) The family record lists the following as children of William B. McNail and Rosannah Hawkins McNail:

"George Washington McNail was born July 7th, 1813.
 Andrew Jackson McNail was born July 20th, 1815.
 Narcisse [Narcissa] McNail was born February 15, 1818.
 Maritta [Marietta?] McNail was born February 26, 1820.
 Pearson McNail was born September 21st, 1822.
 Delilah McNail was born April 12th, 1825.
 Edward McNail was born January 29th, 1829.
 William Jaspar McNail was born December 12th, 1833.
 Louisa McNail was born December 27th, 1835."

1. History of St. Clair County, Illinois, with Illustrations Descriptive of its Scenery and Biographical Sketches of some of its Prominent Men and Pioneers. (Brink, McDonough & Co., Philadelphia. Corresponding Office, Edwardsville, Ill., 1881.) Pp. 351-352.

4.
The family record goes on to add:

"That the above is from my family record, being the record of my family of myself and my late husband William B. McNail deceased.

"There was an older record kept in our family, which was written on a sheet of paper and the same as above set forth was copied into our family bible by Riley Isbell in the year 1850 as best I now remember, and that the same is not original in the sense of our first record but is original in the sense of adoption and use and have no other, the same was made by us in St. Clair County, Illinois, about the time above stated, and that my Postoffice address is Ashley, Washington County, Illinois."

This family record is dated May 28, 1873, and was subscribed and sworn to before Edward McCarren, whose official capacity is not shown.

For purposes of comparison, relevant references to the McNail family may be found in an old family history² now in the possession of Mrs. Elsie Scherer, Ashley, Illinois, which was given to her by her father, Louis E. McNail (b. November 7, 1860, d. October 27, 1906). The author, Alexander Chesney, begins:

"My mother's father was Josiah Hawkins. He was of English ancestry and was born in 1764 in South Carolina. He married a lady by name of Eleanor Brumett, of French descent. They had a family of three sons and four daughters. At an early period they moved from South Carolina to Christian county, Kentucky. At that time it was comparatively a wilderness and they were compelled to fort up from the Indians a great deal of large game, such as buffalo, bear, elk and deer. In 1809 my grandfather, Josiah Hawkins, and family moved from Kentucky to Illinois Territory and settled in what is known now as Shilo Valley, St. Clair county, Illinois. Their children were named as follows: (Here the author lists several names, among them Rosannah Hawkins, which he spells Rosana.) "Rosana Hawkins married William B. McNail, who was also in the Ranging Service under Captain Short in 1812 and 1813. They had a family of five sons and four girls, as follows:

"G. W. McNail married Louellen Powell and had a family of several sons and daughters.

"A. J. McNail married Mariah Applegate at Shilo Valley, St. Clair County; had a family of several daughters and one son named George.

"Narcissa McNail married Thomas Bagby; they raised no family, as Narcissa died soon after marriage.

"Maritta married James Bagby and had a family of two girls, but no boys. Mary Jane, one of the girls, married Andrew Darter. The other girl, Charity, married a Mr. House.

"Pierson W. McNail married Martha Wall and lives in Ashley, Illinois. They raised a family of several boys and girls

2. Family History of Alexander Chesney, Deceased, of Plum Hill, Washington Co., Illinois.
Written by Himself 1897. Composition and Press Work by Elmer C. Ayers,
Nashville, Illinois.

"Delila Jane married George Barth and raised a family of three children, two boys and one girl. The boys received the names of John and George, and the girl was called Tenie."

"Edward McNail married a Miss McNail, his cousin, and they had two sons. She died and Edward married a lady named ----Sears. They raised a family of several children. They live at Ashley, Illinois."

"William McNail married a German lady of St. Louis and raised a family of several sons and daughters; they live southeast of Ashley, Illinois."

"Louisa McNail married James Riley Isbell and had a family of two boys and one girl."

The completeness of the above record leaves much to be desired, but it should be remembered that it is from the genealogy of another family. The "several boys and girls" to which Alexander Chesney refers are difficult to trace, but it is hoped that in time the present gaps in the record will be filled.

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A marriage certificate is on file in the St. Clair County courthouse, Belleville, Illinois, for the marriage of Andrew Jackson McNail to Maria Applegate, which was performed August 5, 1841 by Abel Fike, J. P., at Belleville.

In the Chesney account, there is mention of the marriage of Edward McNail to "a lady named ----Sears." That there is some question as to the accuracy of this may be deduced from the following abstract from the Belleville Advocate, Newspaper Index Catalogue since 1840, in the Belleville, Illinois, Public Library:

"McNail, Edward Born in County, 1829. Forty-Niner; returned to County, Feb. 10, 1888. 1851. Married Caroline J. McNail. 3 children born to union. Wife died. Later, married Margaret Sterret of Ashley, Ill. 4 children born to 2nd union. Lived many years in Mascoutah. Dies."

One of the early deeds on file in the office of the St. Clair County Recorder of Deeds at Belleville is for the sale of land in the county to William B. McNail by Mark Ward and his wife Mary Ward. This transaction involved one hundred acres of farm land, and was acknowledged before and certified by Abel Fike, Justice of the Peace, January 30, 1824. It was recorded by John Hay, Recorder, February 1, 1827.

In 1832, William B. McNail bought additional land from John and Mary Wilson: "...that tract or parcel of land containing three acres and sixty poles situate in said County being a part of the S.E. and S.W. qrs of Section thirty five township one North range Seven West," etc. This purchase was consummated for the sum of \$30.90. The instrument was acknowledged before and certified by John Ward, J. P., February 18, 1832, and recorded April 4, 1832 by John Hay, Recorder.

In April of 1854, William B. McNail and his wife Rosannah sold, for the sum of \$1,550, a tract of farm land to Peter Fries, described as "all of a certain lot, tract, or parcel of land, lying and being in the County of St. Clair and State of Illinois...being part of the South East quarter and also part of the South West quarter of Section thirty-five, township one, North Range seven West in the District of lands ...at Edwardsville, said tract containing one hundred and three acres and 30/100 of an acre known as the farm on which the said William B. McNail now lives." The instrument was acknowledged before and certified by Levi Sharp, J.P., April 26, 1854, and recorded April 28, 1854.

Peter Fries, no doubt the same to whom William B. McNail sold his farm land, is thus described in the History of St. Clair County previously quoted: "Peter Fries, now keeping a hotel in Mascoutah, has lived in the county since 1833, and was a great hunter in the early settlement of this county, and now in the bar of this hotel can be seen nailed to the wall, many deer heads that Peter, in his young days, laid low. He is jovial and talkative, and loves to relate his experience of the early times in this county, and of the exciting deer and wolf chases."

In the County Board Minutes of St. Clair County, 1817-21, v. 2, p. 21 (Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield) the following notation appears:

"Accounts Allowed ...

"Benjamin Chesney & William McNeil)
for six wolf scalps under six)
months old at 50 cents) 3.00."

(Note the spelling of "McNeil".)

In the same volume (page 33) William B. McNail is listed as a juror in a civil case involving a claim for damages, Matthew Kern vs. John Posttlewright, in which the plaintiff recovered damages in the amount of \$53.82.

Several references to William McNail appear in the St. Clair County Commissioners Proceedings, v. III, 1821-29. A transcript of the proceedings was prepared by H. Weinland for the Historical Records Survey, 1938, and is now at the Illinois State Historical Library in Springfield, where it was consulted for this compilation. Examples:

----Page 72:

"Wm. McNail is appointed Supervisor of the road from Hosea Riggs to Edward Mitchell's old mill place, from the north corner of Tilghman H. West's field to said old mill and to extend to the middle of the Creek, and to take such hands as in his discretion do not work on other Roads."

----Page 91:

"Ordered that the Clerk furnish the Sheriff with a list of the following persons to serve as a Grand Jury at the next Circuit Court, John Pulliam, Wm. L. Whiteside, William Miller, William G. Brown, James Mason, David Hill, Wm. McNail, Marshal B. Hawkins, Samuel Crane, James Moore, John Adamson, Libie Holbrooks, David Laurence, Joseph Cornelius, B. W. Carson, Edmund Fleetward, John Johnston, John Maury, Matthew Roach, Mason Short, Benj. Philips, Timothy Higgins, Thomas Reynolds, and John Darter."

----Page 119:

"Wm. McNail as Supervisor in 1826 brought his account for waggon & two yoke of oxen two days four dollars allowed in State Paper. Also the further Sum of one dollar & 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents for timber allowed for three Dollars & twenty-five cents in State Paper."

On May 20, 1832, twenty-two petitioners, among them a signer indexed by the Illinois State Historical Library as Henry McNail, but whose original signature looks like "McNeil," addressed the following communication to Governor John Reynolds of Illinois:

"Finding our frontiers invaded by hostile savages, and our lives and our property as well as that (of) our neighbours subject to be destroyed by the invader, we the undersigned tender our services to Gov. Reynolds as a company of Mounted Rangers and as all communication is now cut off with the main Army, we pledge ourselves to go into immediate service, from the information we have received relative to Gov. Reynolds' call for more troops. We bind ourselves to serve until Regularly discharged. Witness our hands this 20th day of May 1832." (Governor's correspondence, May 20, 1832. Communication from S. Pratt, Clerk, to Governor (John) Reynolds of Illinois - Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield.)

Of the rangers who served in the early 1800's just prior to and during the War of 1812, the History of St. Clair County (op. cit., pp. 125-126) refers to the depredations of the Indians against the white settlers, and says: "The rangers... gathered their families into block-houses for protection, whilst they attempted to raise a little corn for their subsistence with their guns hanging at their sides whilst plowing, ready to protect themselves against attack. In this county block-houses were occupied at present site of Alma, one near Lebanon, one south from New Athens, and one in what is now Mascoutah precinct. These were a part of the frontier line of forts extending from a point opposite the mouth of the Missouri, a distance of sixty miles, to the Kaskaskia, east of the New design in all twenty-two forts. Spies were instructed to pass daily between these forts, so as to keep up a constant line of communication throughout their length. In all, four companies were organized for the defence of Illinois, with William B. Whiteside, James B. Moore, Jacob Short and Samuel Whiteside as captains. These companies did most efficient service, nerved as they were to deeds of daring, by seeing homes destroyed, and many of their number killed by blood-thirsty savages. Not alone did St. Clair county furnish many rangers for the defence of their homes, but contributed soldiers who fought at New Orleans and elsewhere. ... Among those from this county as participants in the war of 1812, were John Brigham, David McKinney, ... William McNail ..." (and others).

The pension application (file WC-5285, op. cit., above, page 3) of William B. McNail states that he was "the identical William B. McNail who was a private in the Company of Illinois Rangers commanded by Captain Jacob Short... in the War with Great Britain declared by the United States, on the 18th day of June 1812, that he volunteered at St. Clair County in the State of Illinois on or about the 15th day of May A. D. 1814, for the term of twelve months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of twelve months and was honorably discharged at Camp Russell in Madison County in the State of Illinois on or about the 15th day of May A. D. 1815..."

Upon the decease of William B. McNail in 1868, his estate was administered by T. W. Cameron. The following administrator's notice appeared for six weeks, commencing September 18, 1868, in the Nashville Journal, Nashville, Illinois:

"ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

"All persons having claims against the estate of WILLIAM B. MCNEAL, deceased, late of Washington county and State of Illinois, are hereby requested to present the same to the County Court of Said County, sitting for the transaction of Probate business at the November Term, 1868, to commence at the Court House in Nashville, in said county, on the third Monday of said month - when and where I shall attend on the first day of said Term for the adjustment of said claims.

"Sep. 18, 1868.

T. W. CAMERON, Administrator."

The above notice is in Box 38 of the Records of Administered Estates, County Clerk's Office, Nashville, Illinois, as are also the following items:

A receipt for a portion of the dower allowed by the Court to Rosannah Hawkins McNail, in which her husband's name, this time, is spelled "McNeil."

A report of articles of selected property set off to Mrs. Rosannah McNail, including:

	<u>"Appraised Value"</u>
1 Brindle cow yearling	\$33.
1 Horse, Buggy & Harness	35.
1 Brass Kettle	1.50
1 Fall leaf table	3.50
1 Cupboard & warc	8.00
2 Lamps	.75
1 Clock	1.00
1 Trunk & two chests	1.00
2 Beds & Bedding,	
1 B'stand & Lounge	25.00
1 Bed stand & feathers	7.00
1 Double bbl shot gun	10.00
1 Back saw & plane	.25
1 Crock	.05
2 " do "	.10

"Total Value \$126.10."

The above appraisal also indicated that a further balance "in money" was also due the widow from the estate of her late husband, and various other records are in the file.

OTHER McNAIL DESCENDANTS

As of now, the precise relationships among the following listed members of the family have yet to be established, and they are placed in this record as a basis for research and in an effort to systematize some of the information collected over the last three years.

The Newspaper Index Catalogue since 1840 of the Belleville Advocate, which has been previously quoted, lists Archie McNail as a member of the second Company of Illinois volunteers, April 27, 1861.

A history of Washington County, Illinois³ mentions that "In the year 1854, P. M. ~~P.~~ W. ⁷ and E. McNail built the first mill in the town of Ashley. It was at first only a saw-mill, but in 1858 a small grist mill was attached, and later they erected a regular flouring-mill of two run of burrs. They also attached a woolen card-mill. These mills were afterwards sold out and removed to Pinckneyville, this state." Under "Present Commercial Interests," P. W. McNail is listed as operating Ashley Mills. Indications are that this is the Pearson W. McNail who was the son of William B. The A. J. McNail listed in the same history as Marshal was in all probability Andrew Jackson McNail, brother of Pearson W. McNail.

Several members of the McNail family are interred in the Old Minson cemetery, approximately $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of Ashley, Illinois, just across the county line in Jefferson County, Illinois.

3. History of Washington County, Illinois, With Illustrations Descriptive of its Scenery and Biographical Sketches of Some of Its Prominent Men and Pioneers. (Phila., Brink, McDonough & Co., 1879.) Page 58.

Unfortunately, the Old Minson church records are irretrievably lost, and the church itself, left to the wind and weather for many years, is now no longer standing.

The following dates appear on headstones in the Old Minson churchyard:

McNAIL	Thresa O.	b. 11/1/1836	d. 3/3/1907
"	Wm. J.	b. 12/12/1833	d. 4/13/1908
"	James Anderson	d. inf. (No other information)	
"	Monroe	b. 4/6/1845	d. 4/1/1907
"	Mary A., his wife	b. 10/28/1844	d. 3/9/1896
"	Louis E.	b. 11/7/1860	d. 10/27/1906
"	Bell	b. 1/1/1860	d. 3/18/1892
"	George W.	b. 8/31/1864	d. 8/13/1903
"	W. J.	d. inf. (No other information)	
"	Vernor	b. 3/22/1902	d. 10/10/1903

If my notes are correct, the gravestone of Charles F. McNail (1867-1942) and that of Frances I. McNail (1867-1943) are in Ashley cemetery.

Andrew Jackson McNail lies buried in Ashley cemetery near his father, William B. McNail. His headstone shows the date of his birth as July 21, 1815 (a difference of one day from that in the family record earlier cited, which records it as July 20, 1815. The date of his death, as inscribed on the stone, is January 19, 1880.

William B. McNail's grave is marked to show that he was born September 30, 1782 and died May 20, 1868. Rosannah Hawkins McNail is buried beside him, and her headstone reflects that she died on October 16, 1877 at the age of 86 years.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM B. McNAIL

The following arrangement is based in part on gravestone inscriptions in Ashley and Old Minson cemeteries, in part on courthouse records hereinafter cited, and in part on information supplied by relatives. This listing is by no means complete, but it represents a step toward the completion of our genealogy which may be useful.

In this connection, I would like to express appreciation to Miss Addie Bell Woodrome, of Ashley, Illinois, who kindly made her old Bible records available to me and showed other kindnesses; also to Mr. George McNail, Route 3, Ashley, who furnished assistance. The late Mr. Harry Crane of Ashley, Illinois, also helped with information and advice, for which I shall always be grateful.

To recapitulate, then:

William B. McNail and his wife Rosannah Hawkins McNail had issue:

George Washington (b. 7/7/1813)
 Andrew Jackson (b. 7/20/1815, according to family record)
 Narcissa (b. 2/15/1818)
 Maritta (b. 2/26/1820)

Pearson W. (b. 9/21/1822)
 Delilah (b. 4/12/1825)
 Edward (b. 1/29/1829)
 William Jaspar (b. 12/12/1833)
 Louisa (b. 12/27/1835).

Edward McNail, son of William B. and Rosannah Hawkins McNail, married firstly Caroline J. McNail, his cousin, and secondly Margaret A. Sterrett (b. 1/16/1835, d. 4/9/1910). A list of the issue of these marriages is not available at this time, but it is known that Edward McNail had a daughter, Emma C. (b. 11/18/1858), who married William R. Woodrum on January 17, 1878. Emma C. died May 16, 1943. These dates are from the family Bible of their daughter, Addie Bell Woodrome (the spelling subsequently was changed to "Woodrome"). Other children of William R. Woodrum were: Carry Jane, William E., Walter Lyman, Nelly Nancy, Samuel Perry, Mary Alice.

Pearson W. McNail (1822-1914), a son of William B. and Rosannah Hawkins McNail, married Martha Wall (1835-1913) and had issue:

James L. (b. 11/22/1851; d. 2/6/1929)
 Infant son (b. and d. 11/12/1857)
 Mary E. (Evans) (b. 3/28/1861; d. 2/28/1887)
 Sarah Ella (b. 7/9/1863? ~ d. 6/1/1867?)
 Charles M. (b. 8/18/1870; d. 2/20/1908)
 Edward O. (1872-1923)
 Ada J. (Angelo) (b. 11/4/1865; d. 1/20/1934)
 Frances C. (Martin) (b. 1/18/1875; d. 9/29/1932).

James L. McNail, a son of Pearson W. McNail and grandson of ~~Edward~~ McNail, was born November 22, 1851 and died February 6, 1929. He married Dorinda Johanna Martin, and they had issue: (order of birth not indicated)

Myrtle (b. 6/10/1889; d. 7/4/1891)	Rose
Mary	Ruth
Raymond D. (b. 3/25/1887)	Fannie
Howard Pearson (b. 10/7/1901)	Fred
Frank Lee (b. 8/10/1880)	

William Jaspar McNail (b. 12/12/1833; d. _____), son of William B. and Rosannah Hawkins McNail, according to the Chesney account (*op. cit.*) "married a German lady of St. Louis and raised a family of several sons and daughters." Issue of William Jaspar McNail (order of birth not indicated):

Louis E.	Ella
Jack	Viola
Charles	Frances
George	Willie (Wm.?) (d. inf.)
Rosanna	Andrew J. (d. inf.)

Charles McNail, son of William Jaspar McNail, married Frances Irene Ridgeway. They had two sons, George (b. 7/15/1892 at Galesburg, Illinois) and Ralph; also a daughter Pearl (Riddle).

George McNail, son of Charles McNail and grandson of William Jaspar McNail, married Mae Braswell and had issue (order of birth not indicated): Vivian, Fern, Paul, Rena Fay, Becky Jo, Billy.

Louis E., another son of William Jaspar McNail, was born November 7, 1860 and died October 27, 1906. He married Amelia Bell (Brown?) (b. 1/1/1860; d. 3/18/1892) and had a daughter Elsie (Elsie Scherer, mentioned elsewhere). See also "Delayed Birth Certificates Recorded," page 12, for issue of Louis E. McNail.

George Washington McNail was born July 7, 1813 - a son of William B. and Rosannah Hawkins McNail. He married, according to the Chesney account, Louellen Powell. His son Monroe McNail (b. 4/6/1845; d. 4/1/1907) married Mary A. Sterrett and had issue (order of birth not indicated): Clarence Eugene, Florence (Fannie), Lucy, Albert M., Frank, Elliott Josephine, Thersa (Thresa?).

In 1897 Clarence Eugene McNail, son of Monroe McNail, married Amanda Louretta Hicks, daughter of Frank Hicks and Nora Toler Hicks, and had issue:

Karl Hicks (b. 12/10/1897) - now living in Belleville, Illinois
Hyacinth (deceased 1957)
Vernor (b. 3/22/1903; d. 10/10/1903).

Karl Hicks McNail, son of Clarence Eugene McNail, married Constance Kathleen Poyner (b. February 6, 1898, in Briensburg, Kentucky). They had one son, the author of these Notes, Stanley Duane McNail (b. March 14, 1918, at Centralia, Illinois) - now residing in San Francisco, California; unmarried.

Hyacinth McNail married firstly Ralph Chester Alcorn, by whom she had two sons, Ralph Chester, Jr., and Clarence Eugene, and one daughter, Nancy Lou. She married secondly E. J. Walter of Grayville, Illinois, without issue.

WILL RECORDS, ETC.

Among will records on file in the Washington County Courthouse at Nashville, Illinois, are:

Will of Charles F. McNail (Book M, 244) which shows sons George and Ralph; daughter Pearl Riddle; wife Frances Irene. Signed May 11, 1935; filed November 6, 1942; admitted to probate November 30, 1942. Ralph McNail, Executor.

Appointment of Administrator, estate of Monroe McNail (Book G, 232, Administered Estates) lists the following: "That said deceased left...the following named persons as his heirs: Charity McNail, his widow; Lucy Gaddis, Albert McNail, Clarence McNail, Frank McNail, Fannie Wilson, Kattie McNail, and the heirs of Thursday (sic) Corgan, dec'd."

Appointment of Administrator in the matter of the estate of William H. McNail (Adm. Record, Book I, 250). Died January 23, 1929. Frances C. Martin petitioned for appointment as Administrator. Petition states: "And he left surviving him no widow, no children, Frances C. Martin and Ada J. Angelo, his sisters, Dorinda McNail, wife of James McNail, a deceased brother, Frank L. McNail, Mary McDonald, Raymond D. McNail, Fannie J. McCoy, Rose Wetzel, Ruth Hardin, Howard P. McNail and Fred McNail, children of said deceased brother, James McNail."

MARRIAGE RECORDS (County Clerk's Office, Washington County, Illinois)

Perry E. McNail, son of Edward and Caroline McNail, to Rosetta Whittenburg, daughter of Hy and Dollie Tate Whittenburg, Washington County, Illinois, November 3, 1885.

Albert M. McNail, son of Monroe McNail and Mary A. Sterrett McNail, to Sarah Smith, daughter of John Smith and ----Dasher Smith, Nashville, Illinois, July 15, 1891.

Raymond D. McNail, son of James L. McNail and Malinda Martin McNail, to Edna Allison, daughter of N. M. Allison and Mary Spencer Allison, Nashville, Illinois, August 21, 1911.

W. E. McNail (Wallace Edwin?), son of Louis Edwin and Amelia Bell McNail, to Martha Bendowicz, daughter of Joseph and Annie Gajewski Bendowicz, DuBois, Illinois, June 26, 1912.

O. D. McNail (Orland Dewey?), son of Edwin Orin and Althadora Summers McNail, to Senada B. Flora, daughter of John A. Flora and Lena E. McGuire Flora, October 21, 1927.

DELAYED BIRTH CERTIFICATES RECORDED (County Clerk's Office, Washington Co., Nashville)

Karl H. McNail, son of Clarence Eugene and Amanda Louretta Hicks McNail, born Washington County, December 10, 1897.

Raymond D. McNail, son of James Lee McNail and Dorinda Martin McNail, born Mascoutah, Illinois, March 25, 1887.

Mabel McNail, daughter of Louis Edwin and Amelia Bell McNail, born September 20, 1884.

Howard Pearson McNail, son of James Lee and Dorinda Joanna Martin McNail, born Mascoutah, Illinois, October 7, 1901.

Ward Stephens McNail, son of Luther Alonzo McNail and Alice Hoke Roach McNail, born Mascoutah, Illinois, May 28, 1892.

Raymond Alden McNail, son of Raymond D. and Edna L. Allison McNail, born Addieville, Illinois, February 23, 1915.

Wallace Edwin McNail, son of Louis E. and Amelia Bell McNail, born Illinois, March 19, 1883.

Frank Lee McNail, son of James Lee Allen and Dorinda Johanna Martin McNail, born Mascoutah, Illinois, August 10, 1880.

Ada May McNail, daughter of Edwin Orin and Althadora C. Summers McNail, born Ashley, Illinois, September 30, 1900.

Orland Dewey McNail, son of Edwin Orin and Althadora C. Summers McNail, born Ashley, Illinois, July 6, 1898.

Elsie McNail, daughter of Louis E. and Belle Brown McNail, born Ashley, Illinois, September 30, 1886.

A FINAL WORD:

Even though many details are still needed to make our family record complete, it is hoped that the foregoing contribution has helped develop a better knowledge of our history. For obvious reasons, this is not the end, but

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